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EXPEDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES TO THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA IN 1921¹

NOCTUIDÆ (MOTHS)

A new subspecies of Escaria clauda Grote

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Escaria clauda pallens Barnes & Benjamin, new subspecies

Ground color, cream-white, the primaries with maculation more or less obsolescent brown to blackish. In the better marked specimens the course of the maculation is entirely similar to typical *E. clauda*. Secondaries with a faint pale brownish edging at base of the fringe; else practically concolorous with the primaries but possessing a more silky luster.

Expanse: 17-18 mm.

Type: Male, No. 1301, Mus. Calif. Acad. Sci., taken by E. P. Van Duzee, June 27, 1921, at Angeles Bay, Lower California.

Paratypes: 3 females, May 4, June 26, and June 27, 1921; in Mus. Calif. Acad. Sci. *Allotype*, female, June 27; 1

^{&#}x27;A map showing all the islands, etc., visited by this Expedition will be found in Vol. XII, No. 6, of these Proceedings, copies of which can be supplied at nominal cost. July 21, 1923

male, June 27, and 1 female, May 7, in collection of William Barnes, all collected at Angeles Bay, by E. P. Van Duzee. One *paratype*, Olancha, Inyo Co., California, in collection of William Barnes.

This insect is apparently a southwestern race of *Escaria* clauda Grote, from which it can be told by its paler colors and more obsolescent maculation. It is the antonym of *E. homogena* McD., the type of which has been examined by the authors, and a photograph of which is before them.